

GRAND TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION.

The Royal Message of His Majesty to the Legislative Assembly, inspired several hundred loyal subjects of His Majesty to make a grand demonstration last Friday in the form of a torchlight procession. Considering the short notice, there was an unusually large gathering at the place of rendezvous, the Bell Tower. Headed by the Hawaiian Band, the procession, including several members of the legislature, moved towards the Palace via King street. Within the Palace grounds the military were drawn up on either side of the main entrance to the Palace.

On the steps of the Palace were His Majesty the King, His Excellency W. M. Gibson, His Excellency Chas. T. Gulick, His Honor the Chief Justice, His Majesty's Chamberlain, and several Nobles and Representatives. A few special guests occupied seats on the veranda. It is estimated there were 700 or 800 persons within the Palace enclosure, when Mr. Dole stepped to the front, and said:

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY: It may seem a matter of commonplace for me to say that the interests of rulers and the people are one and the same. But there are times in the history of nations when the ruler is at variance with the people, and those are times of national weakness, danger, and disaster; and there are times when rulers recognize the fact that they are the stewards of the people, the trustees of the State; and these are times of national strength and safety."

(Three cheers.)

Mr. Kalua then addressed His Majesty in the Hawaiian language.

His Majesty replied as follows:

"The address from the Throne at the beginning of the present session of the Legislature, recommended to the Assembly economy in the financial administration of affairs. That part of the Legislature known as the Opposition have loyally endeavored, against great odds, to carry out this policy of economy suggested by the speech from the Throne, and thereby to save the country from the results of extravagance and possible bankruptcy. Your Majesty's Ministers, by their large estimates of expenditure made regardless of Your Majesty's policy, and supported by their large following, have made this effort a matter of great difficulty. Your Majesty's loyal Opposition have endeavored, by their voices and their votes, day after day, to accomplish this, and they may be pardoned if in this long, apparently fruitless struggle, outnumbered and outvoted, they have at times felt discouraged in their hopes of accomplishing a definite policy of economy for the safety of the country. And when to-day Your Majesty's message came to the Assembly, again recommending an economical administration of affairs, it was like the hand-grasp of a friend in time of trouble; and this is why we are here to-night, to thank and congratulate Your Majesty for this positive and statesmanlike act. We are not here to use words of flattery to any one; we feel too deeply for that, but, in the name of the Opposition and of the people of these islands, represented by these torch-bearers and all those present, assure Your Majesty of our loyal support in carrying out your expressed policy. We now feel renewed courage for the work, and hand-in-hand with Your Majesty, we are ready to go on and do our best for the wise administration of public affairs, and to give our little country the position that it is entitled to and can hold among the nations. Our national motto *Ua Man ka Ea o ka Aina i ka Pono*, engraved in stone on yonder building represents a principle that is stronger for our protection and the continuance of the throne than any army or navy. In the spirit of this principle we are ready to work on with loyalty to Your Majesty and to the people we represent. God save the King!" To the Hon. Mr. Dole and Hon. Mr.

Kalua, who are here to-night to represent the citizens now assembled on this occasion.

I thank you gentlemen for the fealty that you have expressed in regard to the action that I have taken in the retrenchment of public affairs, presented in the message to the House to-day.

These demonstrations by the flame of the torch light are significant.

They teach us that apart from the difference of political feeling we may entertain, to-night we meet on the basis of equanimity. We are of one heart, one soul, and one feeling, and although we have enjoyed past advantages, we are still looking to the future, and we must be prepared. I may quote the old saying—

"Before the rainy clouds descend,

We must put our house in order."

The message that I have sent to the Legislative Assembly to-day is but a duty that I have to perform—to alleviate ills that threaten us and our institutions, and help us to perpetuate our national existence.

With these few remarks, gentlemen, I am in accord with the sentiments that has prompted you to express your approbation of my action to-day, and to tender me this cordial and patriotic demonstration.

After vociferous cheers by the torch-bearers and processionists, they moved on the pre-arranged route and quietly dispersed at the Bell Tower.

After the Battle.

[Written for the P. C. ADVERTISER.]
The shades of night were falling fast,
As through Hawaiian halls there passed
The form of one who oft had stood
To battle for his country's good.

And thus he mused: There, full in view,
I used to face that noisy crew,
That sought to occupy the place
That Gibson filled with better grace!

Young William Smith, and bearded Dole,
And Godfrey Brown, whose fiery soul
Would not allow him long to rest,
So tempting was his foeman's breast!

And Rowell—he who with surprise,
Oft saw his fiery comrades rise
To cleave this Ministerial head,
And have me numbered with the dead!

And other Browns, as thick as leaves,
With Brownian thunderbolts in sheaves;
And their Kanaka friends behind—
Whose looks at me were never kind!

Methinks I feel the vengeful ire,
That would have kindled Smithfield fire
On Panchbowl's peaceful slope, to make
A Gibson martyred at the stake!

Poor William! better far for thee,
If those on yonder isle, with me,
Hadst learned, by tending gentle sheep,
That hasty temper down to keep!

Thou wouldest have been a better man;
Thou wouldest have scorned to join the plan
That sought to overturn the Throne.
When resting firm on me alone!

Yet better empty be thy seat,
If by my side thou wouldest not meet
The spite that ever would impose
A load of hate on all its foes!

Dolet! I had better hopes of thee;
That thou among my foes shouldst be.
I scarce can credit!—thou to earth
Drag down thy nobleness of birth!

The thought oppresses me!—farewell,
Ye friends and foes!—the spirits tell
That your departure is at hand:
We meet—but in a better land!

A. B.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THE BARTHOLDI STATUE.

The formal presentation of the Bartholdi statue, "Liberty Enlightening the World," by the French Government to the United States took place in Gauthier's workshop on the 4th of July. Morton, United States Minister to France, received the statue in the name of the Government. Prime Minister Ferry sent a letter stating that he regretted that illness prevented him from assisting at the scene of fraternity between the two great Republics. In heart and soul he would participate in the ceremony. De Lesseps said that France, under all Governments, had always been the friend and the ally of America. America now realized that the Panama Canal was the work of a universal interest. The statue would fully pledge bonds of amity between France and the great American people. Morton, in replying, thanked France in the name of President Arthur and the American people for the statue. He was charged to assure De Lesseps, Ferry, and the French nation that the American people responded with all their hearts. Sentiments of friendship had dictated and would render the gratitude of the American people still more profound and stronger. He hoped the statue would remain for all time an emblem of the imperishable sympathy that united both countries.

THE CHOLERA IN FRANCE.

Dr. Koch, member of the German Cholera Commission, has offered his services to the French Government to ascertain the character of the epidemic. He was received in Paris with some reserve because of his being a Prussian.

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